

MARTIN SEES NO SIGNS OF DEFEAT

Satisfied That Democratic Ticket Will Win Handily in November.

TO CONFER WITH ELLYSON

Junior Senator Anxious to Use His Influence During Present Campaign.

Absolute confidence in the success of the Democratic State ticket at the polls in November is the unvarying attitude of the party leaders. The claims of Mr. Semp and Captain Kent that thousands of Democrats will desert the party and vote for the Republican nominees are treated as absurdities.

United States Senator Thomas S. Martin, who came to Richmond yesterday from his home at Charlottesville, said last night at Murphy's that by no possible combination of figures had he been able to see a ghost of a chance for Republican success at the polls. The full strength of the party was polled in the presidential contest last year, said Senator Martin, when Mr. Taft received 52,573 votes. The official returns of the recent Democratic primary show that 72,000 voters pledged themselves to support the Democratic nominees in November, and this number will be augmented by thousands of Democrats who took no part in the primary, and who will be brought out, either by interest in the State campaign or by local candidates for the Legislature or for city offices.

With a majority to start with of 2,000, as shown by the difference between the primary vote of last month and the Republican strength in the national contest of last year, Senator Martin feels that Democratic victory is certain.

Outlook in Good.
The Senators home country of Albemarle will give a normal Democratic majority for the State ticket, in his opinion. The present members of the House of Delegates from Albemarle—D. H. Pitts and Thomas M. Dunn—have been re-nominated, and so far have no opposition. Their success is assured, thinks Senator Martin, even should Republican opposition develop, which now seems to be unlikely.

Senator Martin will call on State Senator Ellis and tender his services to the State committee for active work during the campaign. He expects to be called on to make speeches for the ticket, and is ready and willing to go anywhere.

The Senator will be city primarily on professional business. During the day he will leave for Washington, where he has official business in the governmental departments.

Public Speaking This Week.
The activity will be in evidence this week in the State campaign than has heretofore been manifested. Court-houses all over the State will resound with the eloquence of leading speakers of both parties, and it is expected that the week ends interest in the contest will have been greatly stimulated.

Judge William H. Mann, the Democratic nominee for the governorship, will meet the Ninth Congressional District Democratic Committee and the county chairman of that district in conference in Bristol on Saturday. At this meeting the candidates will discuss the several legislative districts in the Southwest from Republican control. At night Judge Mann will address the citizens of Bristol.

The voters of Campbell county will listen to-day at Rustburg to Congressman Carter Glass and Hon. Don P. Halsey, of Lynchburg, while Judge Samuel W. Williams, the Democratic nominee for Attorney-General, will speak at Rappahannock Courthouse, Judge Williams will speak at Covington, Alleghany county, on Wednesday.

A Stafford to-day lively happenings are expected. Hon. Charles O'Connor Goodrich, of Fredericksburg, will make an address for the Democratic ticket, and Captain Frank P. Brent, of Lancaster, who wants to be Superintendent of Public Instruction, will speak to the Republicans. It is expected that one of the parties will challenge the other to a debate, in which case there is likely to be an awakening of interest in things political.

Mr. Brent expects to speak at Belvidere Hall in Richmond on Wednesday night of this week. On Tuesday night he will make an address at Fredericksburg, and on Thursday night at Charlottesville. Captain W. P. Kent, who aspires to the governorship, is announced to speak at Petersburg on Friday night.

Good Times at Debate.
Congressman William A. Jones, of the First Congressional District, is perhaps the best debater in the State, according to Captain Frank P. Brent, who has the pleasure of meeting the Congressman in joint debate. W. A. Jones saw last Monday. Captain Brent, who spent yesterday in Richmond, says that the occasion was most pleasant, and that the affair was enjoyed by everybody.

Captain Brent, in answer to an inquiry as to his political affiliation, said that he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and that in his opinion, Jeffersonian Democratic principles are best represented in these days by Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

Warm Fight in Rockingham.
One of the warmest of the legislative fights in the State is being waged in Rockingham county, according to reports received in Richmond. The Democratic nominees are Hon. P. B. F. Good, an incumbent, and A. H. Snyder, one new and one returning member. Opposed to these candidates are Mr. Harrison, of Stonewall, and Levi C. Long, of Ashby, the Republican aspirants. Both parties have placed their strongest men to the front, and practically every vote in the county is likely to be polled. It is believed, however, that the Democratic nominees will occupy seats in the next House of Delegates.

Mr. Grigsby Nominated.
J. Ralph Grigsby, of Clarke county, has been declared by the Democratic committee of Clarke and Warren counties the regular party candidate for the House. This action follows the recent decision of the State Committee. There is understood to be no affection in Clarke and Warren, and it is expected that Mr. Grigsby will have no difficulty in polling the entire party vote. E. A. Lindsey is an independent candidate from those counties.

HERO MEDAL SENT TO ROBERT BAUR

Carnegie Foundation Rewards Him for Trying to Save Barnes in River.

MONEY FOR HOME IN BANK

One Thousand Dollars Will Be Paid When Title to Property Is Approved.

As a reward for his bravery in attempting to save the life of Edward L. Barnes, who was drowned in James River January 8, 1908, Robert C. Baur, of 705 South Belvidere Street, has received from the Carnegie Foundation the Carnegie hero medal, application for which was made soon after the drowning occurred. Along with the medal came a letter saying that \$1,000, the cash award, was in the hands of Manager F. M. Wilmot, of the Carnegie Hero Fund, in Pittsburgh, and would be remitted as soon as plans for its use, to be approved by the trustees, should be definitely arranged. Baur is the first resident of this city to attain this distinction.

The medal is three inches in diameter, and weighs nearly half a pound. One side bears a relief of Andrew Carnegie, under which is written: "Carnegie Hero Fund, Established April 15, 1904." Around the edge is the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That a Man Lay Down His Life for His Friends." On the reverse side, in the form of a tablet, surrounded by delicate decorations, is inscribed: "Awarded to Robert C. Baur, who attempted to save Edward L. Barnes from drowning, Richmond, Va., January 8, 1908."

To Get Money for Home.
Application was made for the medal by Mr. Baur, who is a member of the Carnegie Foundation, and other prominent men, who became interested in the young man after his spectacular feat. Mr. Wilmot sent a representative here to investigate the case, and to be sure it was worthy of the medal. It stayed here several days and verified the data in every detail. Even pictures were made of the place in the river where the rescue occurred.

Baur, as soon as he heard of the award, decided to buy a home with the money, and is now negotiating for the purchase of a place in the suburbs. He is now employed in the Turkish baths at the Jefferson Hotel, but he is able to purchase a place large enough to raise thoroughbred chickens. Before making the purchase, however, he is required to report to Mr. Wilmot the price, location and all other details, and that the title is good and especially that all incumbrances, and the property free of all incumbrances.

MADE THEM SICK

Sunday Imbibers Did Not Enjoy Whiskey Sold to Them Yesterday.

Two people—W. M. Meekins and Keziah Davis—both colored, were arrested yesterday on charges of selling liquor without a license. Both were caught plying their alleged trade on the street, and both were found to have liquor in their possession. The stuff sold yesterday was of the cheap variety, and one of them made a very bad joke of the matter, saying that they were going to enjoy the Sunday feast.

Thomas Collins, white, was arrested on suspicion of having sold liquor. W. L. Toney, white, was arrested on a charge of breaking into the barroom of the O'Connell and stealing therefrom a quart of whiskey.

MADE GOOD TIME ON MARCH HOME

Howitzers Got Over Four and One-Half Mile Stretch in Forty-five Minutes.

After a week of strenuous and most effective drill and camp life, the Richmond Howitzers broke camp at Chickahominy at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and marched into Richmond, arriving here at 5:10 P. M. The men showed the effects of the hard work they had been through, and doubtless all of them were glad to return to the comforts of feather beds and meals cooked at home.

After striking camp, the Howitzers loaded their guns and tents on a freight train at the Glen Allen siding, and left at 12:45 o'clock for the homecoming march, coming by way of Glen Allen, they covered the fourteen miles in three hours and a quarter, actual marching time. The fastest marching was made from Glen Allen to Solomon's Store, a distance of four and a half miles, which they covered in forty-five minutes.

All the men were in good condition, feeling much better for the bit of open life they had had, and not a single case of sickness was reported. The men received their first instruction in mounted drill, with stick horse, and learned over all conditions of ground, through woodland and ravines, and at all galls. The firing of the cannon was done with sub-calibre cartridges, at ranges of 200 to 750 yards, and the result was very pleasing to the officers. The men also received instruction in mounted pistol practice, each man being required to take five shots at the target while moving at each of the galls—walk, trot and gallop—the range being fifty yards.

Also pleasing to the officers, the scores were not high, but this is explained by the fact that it was the first time the men had been put through a drill of this nature. Many of the riders had never before fired a pistol from horseback.

"The instruction," said Captain Myers last night, "could have been more varied and helpful had we had all our equipment, but as we had only one gun and but a few horses, the progress of the instruction was considerably retarded. But, taking it all in all, the trip was entirely satisfactory and pleasing to me and the other officers. The men returned a great deal improved, both physically and in military drill."

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GREAT SPORT ON DIAMOND TO-DAY

Baltimore and Richmond Meet for Championship and Shot at Glory.

TEAMS IN FINE CONDITION

Local Celebrities Ready to Scalp Orioles, or Else Get Scalped.

"Play ball, Richmond!" When the Richmond municipal team, in its spotless white uniforms, trots out on the City Park diamond this afternoon a tremendous crowd of rooters, knockers and supporters will echo that call of the umpire. Baltimore's municipal team crosses bats with Richmond's City Fathers to-day, and the contest promises to live in the fan book as one of unusual interest, at times amusing, at times thrillingly spectacular.

Every true Richmond heart will throb with pride as Long John Powers swings around that mighty arm of his and shoots a strike clean into the welcoming mitt of catcher Batfield, while the Baltimore batter rubs his eyes and realizes that it will take fast work to whip out the locals. Doug. Richardson, with the skyscraper reach, will take care of anything that comes in the first base department, and Buford will look after second in great form. The hot liners will all stop at short. For Cutchins is a shark on the speed limit basis, and all baseball prophets say that the way Claude Batfield will hold down first will give him a job with the White Sox, for Claude is the real thing in hanging on to the six-cylinder benders that usually go by the third sack.

Give Everybody a Chance.
Roger M. C. Powers will form a trio of fielders that will make the Baltimore bunch turn cream de menthe green with envy. Boschen, Peters, Pollard, Pollock and Billey will be on the substitute bench at the beginning of the game, but as all will doubtless be allowed to take part in the tragic end of the Baltimore aggregation, they probably will get a good hand in.

The Baltimore line-up is: Blunsinger, second base; Goldborough, short; Whitford, (captain), first base; Amint, catcher; Muse, third base; Heller, left field; Lee, centre field; Trout-felder, right field; McCurdy, pitcher; Substitutes—Hollman, Heller, Hargrave and Hawthorne.

"Pop" Tate, the old Virginia State League player, will umpire, and Alderman Marx Gunst will be cheer leader. There will be music by the band.

All the hospitality that the brevity of the visitors' stay permits will be shown to the Baltimore team by the City Council through its committee. The Baltimore nine will come in at 12:15 to-day at the Main Street Station, and will be taken in automobiles to the City Hall, where Mayor Richardson will welcome them. After a sight-seeing tour they will be taken to the Jefferson, and from there to the ball park in carriages. In case they can be persuaded to stay over, the Baltimore team will be tendered a banquet at the Jefferson to-night, but they are scheduled to leave at 8:20.

The Sheltersing Hall will receive the proceeds of the game.

Will Sell This Week.

Former Governor A. J. Montague, who has been appointed by the Department of State at Washington to attend the International conference on Maritime Law at Brussels, will leave here for New York on Thursday night, sailing from that port. He will be absent from Richmond for about a month.

LITTLE HOPE FOR KID'S RECOVERY

Victim of Cowardly Assault Still Unconscious and in Precarious Condition.

Douglas Kidd, the eighteen-year-old boy, was struck down with a rock at the corner of Washington and Buchanan Streets Friday night after he had escorted Miss Laura May Eubank to her home, is still lying in a precarious condition at the City Hospital, and his recovery is said to be exceedingly doubtful. He has never regained consciousness. His father has been constantly at his bedside, and other members of the family have been in attendance.

Price, Bohannon and Chapell, who have been arrested on suspicion of being the perpetrators of the cowardly assault, will come up for a preliminary hearing this morning, but it is probable that the case will be continued, pending the outcome of young Kidd's condition. They were held without bail. If Kidd should die, as is momentarily expected, the charge against the accused would be changed to one of murder. Price is the one who is suspected of having thrown the stone which struck Kidd and rendered him helpless, and he is the oldest of those arrested, being twenty-two.

Another suspect is still at large, but the police have a net out for him, and it is thought he will be captured before many days have passed.

FINE MACADAM ROAD

Brook Turnpike to Yellow Tavern Soon to Be Accepted by County.

Under the direction of Supervisor W. C. Saunders, who has taken personal charge of the work, the task of macadamizing the old Brook Turnpike from this city to Yellow Tavern has almost been completed, and will be one of the best roads in the county after the gravel has been thoroughly packed and rolled.

Shortly before starting this construction the board of supervisors instructed Mr. Saunders to purchase a steam roller, which is doing its first work on this road, and has proved to be a great labor saver, as well as making a better road. Though he is not saying just now what his account will be, Mr. Saunders says that when he turns in his figures after the road is inspected and accepted, it will be the cheapest piece of macadam in the county and second to none in quality and wear.

Blind Boy Is Happy.



HAROLD LAWRENCE.

BLIND BOY READS IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL

Harold Lawrence, Eleven Years Old, Interprets Raised Characters to Classmates.

In order to perfect himself in the art of reading by touch from raised characters, Harold Lawrence, eleven years old, of 1253 West Cary Street, recently entered upon his third session as a student at the State Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, in Staunton. Before leaving Richmond the boy had been accustomed each Sunday to read from the Book of Psalms to the scholars of the Randolph Street Baptist Church Sunday school.

Since his second year Harold has gradually lost the use of both eyes, and is now nearly blind. He is unable to tell darkness from day, and can barely distinguish one color from another. So adept is the boy that he has learned with remarkable rapidity to read from raised characters, and there are several books he can read as well as the average child of his years. His aim in life is to become a piano tuner, as he is passionately fond of music, and has already learned to play on several instruments.

Another ambition is to acquire himself that he may learn to read the entire Bible and have his name on the program of exercises each Sunday at the Randolph Street school.

A younger brother, Ashby, five years old, is fast losing his eyesight, and the mother, Mrs. James Lawrence, is doing her best, as soon as he graduates, to teach this boy at home, so that the mother, Mrs. James Lawrence, will not have to give him up in the winters he would have to spend at school.

Growing up is one of the first accomplishments taught the blind, has already been perfected by the Richmond boy, and each week his parents have the pleasure of receiving a neatly written letter, in which the son gives details of his life during the week. He has never been treated with any special treatment, but often refers to the kindness with which he is treated by his teachers and the good times he has learned new accomplishments.

Harold spends every summer at home, but is allowed to leave for any other holiday. "It is hard to give him up, even for the winter," says Mrs. Lawrence, "but I know what is best for him, and I would not have him miss the chance for an education for anything in the world. I delight to see him back to us for good. He is one of the greatest comforts of my life, and is able to take care of himself and find his way about. I have no doubt but that he will learn to make his own living. This is his chief ambition."

NO DUST AT FAIR

Management Ends Nuisance by Liberal Use of Crude Oil.

Now that the preparations for the Virginia State Fair are nearing completion, plans are being made whereby the comfort and safety of the patrons of the fair will be insured. The most important question to be considered is that of laying the dust. Visitors to the fair this year will be agreeably surprised to find what an improvement has been made in this matter, for they will see a dustless fair ground.

All the roadways and walks on the interior of the grounds have already been resurfaced with cinders, and are now being saturated with hundreds of barrels of crude petroleum, which, when thoroughly absorbed, will keep the dust from rising in the air, and hold their scum in a permanent form. Prospects for the tourist trade have never been brighter.

Since the death of Clerk Morris Watt, P. Quale, formerly night clerk, has been promoted to his place. J. L. Oakley succeeds Mr. Quale as night clerk.

Physicians to Meet.
Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will meet to-morrow night at 8:30 in the room of the "Travelers' Protective Association," corner of Third and Main Streets. A paper will be read by Dr. E. H. Terrill.

Highland Park Citizens to Meet.
The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Citizens' Association will be held at the Town Hall to-night at 8:30 o'clock. Business of much importance will come before this meeting, and it is desired that every member be present.

The bridges across the tracks of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, at the main entrance to the grounds, have been inspected and pronounced safe, capable in fact, of withstanding a strain many times greater than that which will be subjected to it on the most crowded days.

"Reddy" Fry Takes Appeal.
"Reddy" Fry, convicted of selling whiskey without a license in Henrico county and fined in the Magistrate's Court last week, has taken an appeal to the Circuit Court, and has employed Attorney Louis Wendenburg to defend him. Fry claims that the negro who gave the convicting testimony did so out of malice because they had been on an ill-will.

Discuss Consolidation.
The Council Committee on Consolidation of Richmond and Manchester will meet at the City Hall to-night to hear reports from various city officers as to details involved in the possible union of the cities.

WATCHFUL EYE ALWAYS ON MAIL

Even Temporary Post-Office Is Equipped With Secret Place for Inspectors.

FRAILTY OF HUMAN NATURE

Army of Clerks Never Out of View by Uncle Sam's Trained Officers.

A significant evidence of the frailty of human nature is the inspection gallery at the new temporary Richmond post-office. It is the most interesting feature of that building.

A long, enclosed gallery overlooks the entire office, and is on the side nearest those who sort out and deal with the mail. From the outside there is nothing to be seen but the little windows with dark-green blinds, on such an incline as will prevent the clerks and others from knowing whether the inspector is looking through the blinds or not. The door to the gallery is in the private room of the inspector, access to which is possible only to him.

The inspector comes to town, and his presence is known to none but the postmaster. He, perhaps, goes into his room unnoticed. From the gallery he looks through the blinds down on the workers who handle the mail, the blinds being fixed so that his vision sweeps the entire office. Unseen, he sees all.

The presence of the gallery, added to the fact that no one knows when the inspector is or is not there, is a deterrent to the bold thief. These secret windows are in practically every post-office in the country.

Through the installation of these galleries, much theft in the service has been detected, and the guilty parties penalized. One inspector discovered a man who had removed the stamp on a letter with blotter, slit the space under the place where the stamp had been, extracted a greenback, and put the stamp back, giving the appearance of an absolutely unopened letter. In another case, a clerk was detected who had taken out a hundred-dollar bill, had substituted a ten, and had made an erasure in the letter enclosed with the check, making it appear that the sender had only enclosed ten dollars.

Lists of clever tricks are resorted to, for there have been crooks in the postal service just as well as good men. Just as it is in every other business or profession in this world, peopled with the strong and the weak in moral mold.

READY FOR THEM

Jefferson Hotel Preparing to Entertain Conventions Next Month.

By October 1 the Jefferson Hotel, thoroughly overhauled, will be ready for the fall and winter business, which is expected to be the largest in many years.

In the dining-room especially much has been done, though the color scheme and decorations have not been changed. Between now and October 1, when the palm court to its winter quarters, the draperies and other ornaments which were taken down for the summer will have been replaced. The work has been under the direction of Manager P. M. Fry and his assistant, O. P. Weisiger. For more than a month, however, Mr. Fry has been ill, and the work has been done in his absence. He is expected home in a short while, fully recovered.

The fall season proper will open with the State Fair, early in October. The National Wholesale Druggists' Association will be in convention here October 11 to 15. Already a number of reservations have been made for those who will be in attendance. Following this will be a long string of other conventions, that will make the hotel a place of great interest and hold their seasons in the autumn. Prospects for the tourist trade have never been brighter.

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SOME DECORATED LIKE BRAZILIAN GENERALS

Badge Craze Spreads, Men and Women Wearing Pins Won in College or Bought From Pawnbrokers to Keep Pace.

One fact that is laying hold of the younger generation in Richmond is the "badge" craze. In has spread among men and women alike, and some of the people you meet on Broad Street during the Richmond imitation of the Fifth Avenue dress parade these afternoon are decorated like Brazilian generals.

Just recently, too, this rage has sprung up, for a year or so ago you rarely saw people wearing insignia of any sort. Now, you see the pins and paraphernalia of the various fraternal orders displayed on the little area above the vest pocket on men, and you often run across girls and women with them on their waists.

And school pins and college flag pins—oh, they are everywhere! Now, adays every schoolboy and every schoolgirl has a class badge displayed in riotous profusion. College pins are rampant, and if the men who wear university and college badges were enrolled on the alumni lists of those

PLANS HOME FOR LABORING PEOPLE

Novel Idea Suggested by Citizen Instead of Big Celebrations.

FUND EASILY AVAILABLE

Business People Regard It as Practical Method of Helping Good Men.

Prompted by an earnest desire to see capital and labor better understood together, a prominent young business man of Richmond has suggested a scheme which, if carried out, will result in the establishment of a home for widows and orphans of laboring men, as well for those who may be overtaken by age and poverty.

The proposition is a most unique one, it having been thought out carefully by a man who has had it under consideration for the past fifteen years.

In discussing it with a representative of the Times-Dispatch last night he grew enthusiastic over the idea of getting capital and labor equally interested, so that the ambition of his life may be accomplished.

"It is a gigantic proposition," he declared, "but to my mind there are many sound reasons why it should be pressed to a successful issue."

Save Labor Day Fund.
"Although the full details have not been clearly worked out, my idea is for the various labor unions throughout the country to revolutionize the present method of celebrating Labor Day, and instead of marching through the streets amid a flourish of trumpets to devote the day to work, giving the proceeds to the fund out of which the establishment of such a home, will be established. I should delight to see one of these homes in every State in the Union, though it would be particularly gratifying to me should the people who are leaders in the labor and business world take hold of the matter in earnest, letting Virginia lead the way by establishing the first institution of its kind in the country. I have talked with business men and laboring people, and I find many of them not only in favor of the establishment of such a home, but they believe that it can be easily accomplished if undertaken in the right way."

"I heard one man say yesterday, for example, that he would be willing to contribute the entire proceeds of his business to the home fund on each recurring Labor Day. I am firmly of the opinion that if the matter is taken up in a businesslike way bankers, merchants and other citizens in a position to do so will respond in hearty co-operation."

Could Raise Money Easily.
"The money for a State home such as I have in mind could be so easily raised that those making contributions would hardly miss them, while the establishment of such a home, would become almost needless for the housing of the unfortunate, while the old and decrepit laboring man, his widow and orphans, if they please, could find in the home a comfortable asylum, instead of being subjected to the humiliation of being cared for by the city or State."

"The present method of celebrating Labor Day is far from the best one, in my judgment, and, of course, it is commendable. It does not result in benefit to any one, being merely an annual occasion for hilarity. If all the men and boys who thus make merry on Labor Day would work, instead, giving their attention to the new business of raising money for the benefit of the cause, which I regard as a most noble one."

The citizen who is interesting himself in the matter expects to hold some early conferences with prominent business and labor leaders here, with the view of getting the proposed home established within the near future.

He has seen all sides of the labor question, having served his time as a mechanic before entering his present line of business, in which he is a large employer of labor. He is prominent politically and socially, being a member of the leading local clubs. He declares that the scheme suggested by him has engaged his attention for many years, and that his final consummation being the ambition of his life.

FACES ELEVEN WARRANTS

W. Y. Canada, Arrested in Norfolk and Bailed for Appearance To-Day.

Eleven warrants were placed yesterday on the record of the Second Police Station against W. Y. Canada, who was arrested Friday in Norfolk. He was bailed for his appearance in the morning, and bailed again for his appearance in the Richmond court to-day.

The warrants charge him with stealing various small sums. Florence White (colored) was arrested on a charge of assaulting John Smith, G. Burnett (white) was arrested on a charge of laboring at his trade on the Sabbath.

Lily Zwick (colored) was arrested on a charge of being disorderly on a street car.

Better Health Conditions.
Through co-operation between the School and Health Departments, more careful attention is to be given to the cleaning of school rooms, the floors to be swept with a disinfectant from time to time, reports of better health conditions in the schools.

Indications are that the enrollment for this session will be much larger in both districts, and that some of the buildings will be crowded. The erection of new houses, and improvements made to the old ones have helped to relieve the congestion of last year.

Schools in Tuckahoe and Brookland districts will open on September 27. By that time two new high schools in Tuckahoe will be completed and extensive improvements made in Brookland.

Captain Davis Improving.
Captain George W. Davis, of Mecklenburg county, who underwent an operation at the Virginia Hospital last week, has so far improved that he expects to return this week.

SCHOOLS BEGIN NEW TERM TO-DAY

Thousands of Pupils Ready to Return After the Holiday Season.

EXPECT LARGER ENROLMENT

Health Department to Co-operate With Board to Prevent Contagion.

Back to books will be the cry to-day for more than 15,000 public school pupils of Richmond, while for the next few weeks the same cry will be heard in every town and county in Virginia. Schools and colleges are being opened; trains are daily crowded with boarding school girls and young college men; teachers are winding up their vacations and hurrying back while the windows of the book stores reflect the preparations being made to supply outfits.

Examinations To-Day.
The principals of the Richmond city schools will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock to receive final instructions from Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler for the coming session. Examinations for admission to the John Marshall High School will take place in the High School building this morning at 9 o'clock, this test of the work of the graded schools being the first to be conducted in the new building, now all but completed. Principal James C. Harwood will direct the examination and grading of new pupils at the High School, the present system having eliminated examinations except on completion of the work of the direct schools, where a written examination must be taken for entrance to the High School.

To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock all teachers and principals of white schools will meet in the assembly room of Central School, and the list of assignments for the coming year, and the various schools will then be read, and general instructions given for the enrollment of pupils. To-morrow at 11 o'clock there will be a similar meeting of all the colored teachers at the new building, formerly occupied by Leigh white school, at First and Leigh Streets, Leigh School having been transferred to the old High School building, at Eighth and Marshall Streets.

Workshop Opens Wednesday.
Work proper begins on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, when all old and new pupils report for the beginning of regular studies. On that day and the following teachers will issue to the pupils lists of the required textbooks. Fortunately the selling price of each text-book has been fixed by agreement, and the prices will be the same throughout the year.

Printed slip furnished to each child by the school is checked the books he will need, with the list price of each, and that afternoon hundreds of children in many cases armed with the exact number of pennies, will enter the corner drug store and haggle over the price of sponges for slates.

The registration last year was 9,337 white pupils and 5,425 colored, a total of 14,762, an increase over the previous session of 438.

As a result of this year because of the attraction of the new High School building to many who otherwise would drop out after passing through the district school, and out of the general growth of the city, the continuing growth of the city.

With the General movement westward, which has continued for years, some overcrowding is expected, especially at first, in the new schools, and extra rooms at West End, Randolph, Elba and Madison Schools. The congestion in this section will not be entirely relieved until the completion of the new Hanover Street School, for which plans are being prepared.

Though hampered by a limited appropriation, the Board of Health proposes this year to give special attention to the health conditions in the schools. The appropriation for vaccination is not in half, and it may be possible to have a general vaccination at the opening of the session, as had been desired, in view of the prevalence of smallpox in some sections of the State.